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REMARKS

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that claims 5-11 and 14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In order to expedite prosecution of the subject application, claims 5, 6 and 10 have been rewritten in this manner. Claim 1 has been canceled. Claims 2 and 11-15 have been amended to depend from claim 5. Claims 3-4 have not been amended, but as a result of the amendment to claim 2 depend indirectly from claim 5. Claims 7-9 depend from claim 6.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-4, 12-13 and 15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 over U.S. Patent No. 6,514,672 to Young. As indicated above, the claims have been amended to recite allowable subject matter. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

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